STRIKE AT VLADIVOSTOK

Five Japanese Battleships Bombard at Long Range.

LAND FORCES MOVING THAT WAY

Russians Claim That Most of the Lyddite Shells Fired by the Japs Failed to Burst-Russian Batteries Did Not Reply, the Generals in Command Explaining They Were Awaiting Closer Approach of the Japanese.

Vladivostok, (By Cable).-A fleet of five Japanese battleships and two cruisers there. appeared off this place at 1 25 P. M and bombarded the town and shore batteries for 55 minutes.

The fleet approached from the direction of Askold Island, at the east entrance to Ussari Bay, and about 82 miles southeast of Vladivostok. Entering Ussuri Bay the enemy formed in line of battle, but did not approach to a closer range than five and one-third miles. They directed their fire against the shore batteries and the town, but no damage resulted, as most of their 200 lyddite shells failed to burst.

The Russian batteries, commanded by Generals Veronets and Artanoff, did not reply, awaiting a closer approach of the institution the Marblehead (Mass) Naenemy

The Japanese fire ceased at 2.20 P. M., and the enemy retired in the direction of Askold Island: Simultaneously two Maidel. The Japanese ships were covered with ice.

Russians, but cost the enemy 200,000 hours, died s on after being taken out. roubles (\$100,000) in ammunition. Most of the projectiles were 6 and 12 inch shells.

The population of Vladivostok was Island Navy Yard for San Francisco, en warned of the presence on the horizon route to the Philippines. of a hostile fleet and of the prospect of The establishment of a college of doan attack during the day, but the people mestic science is announced at the Uniremained tranquil.

Viceroy Alexieff's Report.

St. Petersburg, (By Cable).—A com-munication from Viceroy Alexieff to the Czar from Mukden bearing Sunday's

"I most humbly inform Your Majesty that the commandant at the fortress at Vladivostok reports that at 8.50 A. M. seven vessels were sighted south of Askold Island. At 9.45 they were seen to be warships making for Askold Island. About noon the enemy's squadron was midway between the coast and Askold Island, making for Ussuri Bay. They were out of reach of the shore batteries At 1.30 the enemy opened fire. Two vessels in the squadron were probably the first-class cruisers Idzum and Yakumo, but the names of the other vessels are

Five Killed By Japanese Fire.

St. Petersburg, (By Cable).-Official dispatches received here concerning the bombardment of Vladivostok by a Japanese fleet do not mention any Russian advices say that five were killed-four sailors and the wife of an engineer.

It is apparent the Japanese were afraid to risk exposing their ships to the plunging fire of the land batteries, and it is considered probable here that the attack was really for the purpose of drawing age in cars. the fire of the Russian forts, compelling the Russians to disclose the position and caliber of their guns, and also for the purpose of ascertaining whether the Russian squadron is in port.

BATTLESHIPS BLOCKED.

Wrecked Russian Warship Lies in Way at Port Arthur.

London, (By Cable). - Little change in the Far Eastern situation is reported here. It is apparent that the Japanese are busily engaged in transporting their at Duluth, Minn. forces into Korea, and this work is being facilitated by the enforced inactivity of the navy.

According to the Sebastopel correspondent of the Daily Graphic Admiral Skrydloff has fearned privately from Port Arthur that the Russian battleship Retvizan lies in such a position as to block effectually the exit of battleships from the harbor, the passage being practicable only for cruisers.

The correspondent adds that Russia's new battleships now building on the Baltic will not be ready for active commission before the end of August.

The Japanese official who has charge of Japan's financial and commercial interests in England declares that his government foresaw the possibility of coal being declared contraband of war, and that it has been collecting large stores of Welsh steam coal for years, so that it has a supply sufficient for the needs of the navy for years to come.

DROWNED IN BRIDGE COLLAPSE.

Structure Was Weakened By a Cloudburst

and Goes Down. Cleveland, O., (Special).-Six men were drowned and four others injured as a result of the collapse of the bridge spanning Yellow Creek, near Irondale, the Cleveland and Pittsburg Railroad. The men were on two locomotives that attempted to cross the bridge close to-

Most of the men lived at Wellsville, O. Of the 11 men making up the crews of has presented King Edward with a letter the two engines all went down except from the Czar acknowledging receipt of

a flagman. The bridge had been weakened by a cloudburst that occurred Thursday. The engines had hauled out two work trains Mrs. Thomas gave a brilliant ball in the she was scalped, the skin and hair being and were returning to Wellsville for water when the accident occurred.

Stolen Meat Killed Eght.

Birmingham, Ala., (Special).-Eight negroes are dead from eating poisoned hog meat that was stolen from the smoke-by an earthquake, the worst that has ochouse of Thomas Perkins, a white farmer curred there in 30 years. residing near St. Stephens, Ala. The farmer had been constantly robbed of his winter supply of meat, and put rough on rats on a quantity of it, which he been asked to cede any islands to Russia of Thomas Guay, Mrs. Phillip Gagnon,

JAPANESE CRUISER SUNK.

She Is Lying Near Chemulpo, Reports Major General Pflug.

St. Petersbusg, (By Cable).-The folowing dispatch, dated March 3, has been received from Major General Pflug, commanding the Russian forces at Port

"All is quiet at Port Arthur and Yin-

"According to information given by eye-witnesses, a Japanese cruiser having three funnels lies near Chemulpo, between islands, having recently sunk

A correspondent of the Daily Mail, cabling from Chefo under date of March 1, said, among other things, that ie had seen a Japanese cruiser of the Niiataka type beached at the entrance of Namyang Creek, which is about 15 is impossible to estimate accurately the miles south of Chemulpo.

NEWS IN SHORT ORDER

type have three funnels.

The Latest Happenings Condensed for Rapid Reading.

Domestic.

After 100 years' existence as a financial tional Bank closed its doors to public business, and its affairs will be liquidated as rapidly as possible.

By the explosion of the boiler of a saw. mill at Greenwood, Pa., P. T. Browntorpedo-beat destroyers appeared near the proprietor, and his two helpers, Wal-Askold Island and two more near Cape lace Tice and Robert Compton, were instantly killed.

Charles Lasek, who had retained life while pinioned under the ruins of the The attack resulted in no loss to the Hotel Darlington, in New York, for 30 A consolidation has been formed of

the car-service associations of Pittsburg. Philadelphia, St. Louis and Denver. Two hundred marines left the League

versity of Chicago.

Robert McMahon, a brother of Benjamin McMahon, of New York, committed circular form. suicide in Waterloo, Ia., by taking

cyanide of potassium. Clayborn W. Merchant, Jr., who killed George H. Hutchins in a duel in Carlsbad, N. M., was declared not gui ty of

filed a petition in bankruptcy.

In a race riot at Bokashe, I. T., two of the city white men were killed and one white man and two negroes seriously wounded. Dan Cushing was captured by brigands near Devils River, Tex., and released after an all-night horseback ride.

A number of lives have been lost and much property destroyed by prairie fires house, jail and 50 residences are rein Oklahoma and Indian Territory. ported destroyed, and one woman is The crew of the lighthouse-tender Nina

were put in jail on the charge of mutiny in San Juan, Porto Rico. Denny Memorial Hall, at Dickinson

College, Cariisle, Pa., was destroyed by There were several collisions in New

York harbor on account of the fog. The coke trade is hampered by a short-

Dr. Morris Jastrow, of Philadelphia, has been offered the chairmanship of the department of the history of religion at the St Louis Exposition.

the funds of St. Luke's Home was issued in Boston.

all of its preliminary surveys for a new line to Eureka, Humbolt county. Dr. Charles B. Pillsbury, a brother-inlaw of Congressman J. Adam Bede, died

Edmund F. Dixey, a once famous minstrel, died in Philadelphia of congestion of the lungs.

met in convention in Philadelphia. Gen. Charles E. Dick was declared elected to the United States Senate.

A large part of Rocky Mountain, North Carolina, was destroyed by fire. Former Congressman Levy

severely injured by a fall near his New York city home. The United States transport Sherman sailed for the Philippines.

Joseph White, one of the military prisoners who secured his release from Alcatraz Is'and by means of a forged pardon, has been arrested at San Fran-

Foreign.

British and German vessels laden with coal, provisions and other contraband articles have reached Vladivostok, Japan not interfering for the reason that they resisted and a pitched battle followed in may prove useful to her at a later stage which Hopper and Butler were killed may prove useful to her at a later stage of the campaign, probably when the and three others wounded. Japanese make an attempt to bottle up Negroes are reported to the Russian squadron at that port.

The State Department has informed the New York Presbyterian Society, as well as the Baptists, that Minister Allen. in Korea, has been instructed to do all of vengeance. he can for the American missionaries in

The Russian Ambassador at London

United States Minister Thomas and

American marines are guarding property of the American Mining Company

in Korea.

MANY PERISH IN FLAMES

Indian Territory Settlers Are Caught By Prairie Fires.

A WIDE SECTION LAID IN WASTE.

Six Deaths Definitely Reported and Many One Thousand Fire-fighters Saved Lawton from Des ruction-Three Thousand Square river the next morning. Miles Devastated-Losses in Kansas.

Lawton, Ok , (Special).-Reports re ceived here indicate that five persons have been burned to death and 3,000 square miles of territory in Kiowa and Comanche counties swept by prairie fires. Hundreds of people are homeless, and it financial loss, owing to the wide extent Japanese naval vessels of the Niiataka of country affected Lives have also ants were robbers. been lost by fires in other sections.

Following is a partial list of the killed and injured

D Harmond, living six miles north east of Lawton, burned to a crisp John Harmond, cannot live

A. N. Crawford, near Lawton; seriously burned Mrs Henderson, widow, living near Lawton, and two daughters; seriously

burned; one cannot live At Hobart, the county seat of Kiowa county, the fire approached from the east, destroying the stables and 15 race borses, 15 residences, two business houses and various small buildings' Spreading to the southwest, the fire swept 75,000 acres of government military and timber reserve and Indian school reserve, destroying several Indian houses and 40 head of government cattle. Spreading westward the flames covered miles of the Homestead district, destroying houses, barns and stock. It was in this district that five persons are reported to have perished in attempting to protect their property. The names of three have been learned. They are as

Doc and John Harmon, brothers, and a man named Fischer.

The other two were women and their names have not yet been learned. Late at night the fire began moving southward toward this city. At mid-Dominick Antello killed Miss Nellie night 5,000 people of the city were bat-Flanagan in New York and then shot tling with the approaching flames. The himself. miles in length, and came in a semi-

A thousand men turned their efforts to checking the grass borders of the reservation at the city limits. Water from every source, carried in every conceiv way, was distributed along this line and carried all around the city limits. This served the purpose of check-Richard Sibley, manufacturer of a large ing the advance lines of the fire, but was molasses importing concern in Boston, of little avail in hindering the continual rolling o the firebrands into the streets

> Salina, Kan., - Report of many serious prairie fires, aided by the high winds, in this section and west of here are coming At Hill city, in the extreme northwestern part of the state, the court is to be made Monday ported destroyed, and one woman is said to have been burned to death. Inerous.

COLLAPSE OF A SKYSCRAPER.

Between Thirty and Forty Killed, Injured and Missing.

New York, (Special).-Five persons are known to have been killed, about a score injured, and eight or ten, all of Co.umbia. whom are believed to be dead, are mis-A warrant charging Wallace H Ham sing through the collapse of the steel with the embezzlement of \$.4,000 from skeleton of the Hotel Darlington, a 13story apartment house in course of erection at 57 West Forty-sixth street. The The Santa Fe Railroad has finished steel frame work had been erected as far as the eleventh floor, and the structure was swarming with iron workers, masons and laborers, when, without an instant's warning, the upper floor sagged and collapsed, and the whole structure fell with a crash that was heard for blocks, and shook all the buildings in the age has been paid.

vicinity. A portion of the steel frame fell upon Distinguished prelates and educators the rear of the Hotel Patterson, on West Forty-seventh street, crushing in the wall of the dining-room and killing Mrs. Ella Lacey Storrs, the wife of Frank Storrs, a wealthy resident, of Rye, Westchester county, as she was sitting at luncheon with the wife of the Rev. Dr. Minot Savage, who escaped unhurt.

TWO KILLED IN RACE RIOT. Negroes Resist An Attempt to Drive Them Out of Town.

Fort Smith, Ark., (Special) .- Two wounded in a race riot at Bokashe, I. T.

White laborers on the Midland Valley | United States. railroad, at a camp ashort distance from Bokashe, attempted to drive the negro laborers from the town. The negroes

Negroes are reported to have fortified themselves in a strong posicion in the woods and seem determined to resist to the utmost efforts to dislodge them. White laborers are making wild threats

A Mill Operative Scalped.

Covington, Ga., (Special). - Mrs. J. W. Worsham, wife of the superintendent of the Covington Cotton Mills, suffered one man left at one end of the bridge as the King's letter emphasizing Great from a distressing accident, as the result Britain's complete neutrality during the of which she may die. While in the basement of the mill her hair was caught in the belting of moving machinery and apartments of the American Legation at torn from her nose to the back of her

Twelve Lives Lost in Fire.

Roberval, Quebec, (Special).-Twelve lives were lost in a fire which destroyed the home of Thomas Guay at St. Felicien. When the fire was first noticed by neigh-The French Foreign Office does not credit reports that China is about to join house had been burned to ground. In it Japan in the war. It is also announced house had been burned to ground. In it by French officials that they have not at the time were the eight small children dent on the ticket with Roosevelt. placed where the thieves were apt to get it. They got it, and the result is that a number are dead. Other negroes were number are dead. Other negroes were Railroad.

Deen asked to cede any islands.

The Russians are making every effort burned to death. Both Gagnon and Guay, the fathers, were absent, working in the woods.

KIDNAPPED BY BRIGANDS.

Texas Railroad Man Held By Mexicans for Ransom.

Houston, Texas, (Special).-Daniel Cushing, brother of E. B. Cushing, engineer of maintenance of way for the Southern Pacific Railroad, has been kid nappped by Mexican brigands. He was Others Rumored - Town of Hodart Suffered forced to write a note, which was found tacked to the door of his cabin at Devil's

E. B. Cushing left on a special train for the border to investigate. The Texas Rangers have been put on the case.

The note written by Cushing at the brigands' dictation stated toat a ransom of \$10,000 was demanded for his life and that the money must be placed upon the steps of the Mexican schoolhouse in Del Rio next Tuesday night.

Cushing's watch and Masonic pin were found where he had evidently hastily thrown them in the belief that his assail-

LIVE WASHINGTON AFFAIRS

No American Slave Dealers in the Philippines.

Funds for Panama Canal.

Secretary Shaw has notified all specia national bank depositaries that they will be required to pay, on account of thi Panama Canal purchase, 20 per cent. of their holdings of government funds on or before March 25. The 20 per cent aggregates \$30,000,000, leaving about \$20, 000,000 to be supplied from the Treasury It has been decided heretofore to have the depositary national banks in New York city pay their individual proportions over to the New York Subtreasury at once to meet at this time the payment due Panama, and later to pay the new canal company at Paris the \$40,000,000 due it by calls on national bank depositaries outside New York city. In view, however, of news received from Paris having confessed to committing a forgery later in the day to the effect that the in the case This letter relates to the French company at once would call a meeting of its directors and carry out the formalities necessary to the transfer of the title to the property to the United States it was thought best to make the two payments to the canal company and to the Republic of Panama concurrently

Laid on the Table.

The House Committee on Postoffice and Post Roads unanimously agreed to re-port the Hay resolution calling for information relative to the use of "influby members of the House in behalf of increases in salaries of postmasters, increases of clerk hire, etc., to the House with the recommendation that it 'lay on the table." The resolution will be accompanied by all the information on this subject which the committee has been able to secure, including confidential exhibits in the Bristow report of the postal investigation and other informa-tion. This will be printed and made public and, as it meets the demands of he resolution, the order to "lay on the table" will not be opposed. The report

Department Appropriation Bill.

stances of farmers being caught with islative Executive and Judicial Approtheir teams in the prairie fires and of priation Bill reached makes the total car many persons seriously burned are num-ried in that measure \$28,556,913. The conferees agree on provisions declaring that no money appropriated in the bill shall be available to pay any persons in the public service incapacitated permaneatly from performing service and limiting the use of carriages at government expense to those used by the President, his secretary and the heads of executive departments in the District of

Rights of Rural Carriers.

ment to the Postoffice Appropriation bill. amending the provision inserted by the House prohibiting rural carriers from eagaging in other buisness, so that carriers may carry articles authorized by law not suthorized to be accepted for mailing, also to make contracts with publishers to distribute newspapers and periodicals upon which one rate of post-

Wants \$8,000 to Unveil Statue. Secretary Shaw transmitted to the House an estimate of \$8,000 from the War Department to defray the expense of dedicating the statue of Frederick the Great to be placed on the ground of the War College in Washington and unveiled October 20, 1904. It is stated that the money is to be used for pedestal, review ing stands, rent of carriages for distinguished personages, printing invitations and for other expenses

Obscene Literature in Commerce.

The Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce ordered a favorable report on white men are reported killed and one a bill making the act preventing interwhite man and two negroes seriously state transportation of obscene literature applicable to foreign commerce and all territory under the jurisdiction of the

Congressional and Departments. Judge Pritchard overruled the motion for a new trial made in behalf of Samuel A. Groff, one of the convicted defendants in the postoffice cases, and sentenced him to two years in the Moundsville Penitentiary and to a fine of \$10,.

000. An appeal was taken. carriers from cking out their salaries in their escape. No one was seriously inoutside work has been added to the jured. Postoffice appropriation Bill reported to the House yesterday. There is strong opposition to the provision in the Senate.

The Navy Department has made ar-

rangements for the trial of several wire-

ess telegraph systems between the New York Navy Yard and the station at Navesink, Highlands, N. J. The minority report of the House committee urged a complete investiga-tion of the affairs of the Postoffice De-

M. Bunan Varilla, the retiring Panama minister, paid a farewell call at the State Department.

Henry T. Reed, of Cresco, Ia., was selected by the Iowa delegation to be recommended for United States district judge for the Northern district of Iowa. It is generally admitted that Senator

Argument was made before the House Committee on Labor in opposition to the Eight-hour Bill.

The Army Appropriation Bill as re. against the deposit of ported to the Senate carries \$77.620.942. yen at San Francisco.

FACTS FAVOR DREYFUS

Reasons Advanced for a Revision of His Trial.

OFFICIAL RECORDS ARE FORGED.

Initial Altered on One Document and Another Dated While Dreyfus Was on Devlis Island .. Traitor in the French War Office Revealed .-Hearing on Appeal Before Court of Cassation Attracts a Large Crowd.

Paris, (By Cable). - The Court of Cassation began the consideration of the appeal of Alfred Dreyfus for revision of

Councillor Chambareaud presided. Though the general interest in the case was not as great as in previous years. yet the courtroom was crowded with Boss in the arm. The negro then seized officers, non-commissioned officers and private soldiers, lawyers and others and number of women, among whom were relatives of Dreyfus By their side was former Colonel Picquart. Dreyfus was not present, his interests being in the Unable to Defend the Coast Without hands of Lawyer Mornard. The report of M. Boyer, reporter of the court, which was read, presented the two new facts upon which the minister of justice, M Valle, recommended a revision of the

These were set forth as follows: '1-The secret documents include a letter bearing the initial 'P.' an affidavit of October 6, 1903, signed by M Gribelin, keeper of the archives, it appears that this document previously carried the letter 'T.' For this letter was document was presented to the court at

"2-According to the minister of justice, another letter, signed 'Alexandrine, which agent 'A' addressed to agent 'B, contained some words in the handwriting of the late Lieutenant Colonel Henry, who committed suicide in prison, after organization of French railroads M. Gribelin swore during the inquiry of the Dreyfus was imprisoned on Devil's

Island. The existence of a traitor in the French kow, the military authorities depend upon war office was revealed by an alleged an inland engagement to put a stop to foreign diplomat, who acted without the Japanese advance. compensation. It is now claimed that Lieutenant Colonel Henry in 1897 caused a book of expenditures to be recopied in order to remove all trace of payments to this diplomat, who, it has developed, was an employee of the intelligence de-

partment court that if the new facts were acknowledged by the tribunal the innocence of Dreyfus would be established.

Fearing disturbances during the proceedings the government stationed guards which troops will be withdrawn on acamong the spectators and in the corridors count of the exposure of the railroad at leading to the court, but their presence these points. was not necessary The crowd was interested, but there were no demonstrations against the favorable conclusions of the reporter and attorney general.

E. F. ABELL DEAD.

The conference agreement on the Leg- | resident of the A. S. Abell Company Expires-His Work for the "Sun."

Baltimore, Md., (Special). - Edwin Franklin Abell, president of the A S. ever, has no effect upon the neutraliza-Abell Company, publishers of The Sun. died Sunday morning at his residence. northeast corner of Charles and Preston streets, in his sixty-fourth year. Abell was also a director of the Safe De-

Posit and Trust Company. On May 15, 1840, Mr. Abell was born in this city on Lee street, near Charles, which at that time was one of the prominent resi :ential sections of the city. Mr. Senator Alger introduced an amend. Abell was the eldest of 12 children, and with him passes away the last of the sons of the late A S. Abell, the founder

of The Sun. Mr. Abell was educated in the public schools in Baltimore and also in Harford county, near Jerusalem Mills, later going to Dairymple's old University of Mary land, on the south side of Mulberry St in what is now the bed of Cathedral street, which has since been cut through to Saratoga stre-t. Many of the most prominent men of Baltimore were educated at this school, and the name of "Old Dal's" is familiar by reputation

to even those of a later generation.

\$100,000 For Murder. Winchester, Ky., (Special) Mrs. Arabella Marcum, for herself and children, filed suit in the Circuit Court against Jas Hargis, Alexander Hargis, Edward Callahan and B. F. French for \$100,000 damages. She alleges in her petition that the defendants entered into a conspiracy with Curtis Jett and Thomas White to murder her husband, the late J.B. Marcum. Callahan was formerly Sheriff of Breathit county. Jett and White are now in jail in Louisville.

Hold-Up in Massachusetts.

Clinton, Mass., (Special). - Two masked men held up an electric car on the guard duty there. For sometime the Worcester Consolidated Railway, at South Lancaster. The men were armed and the 20 passengers in the car were much freightened. H. L. Sauler, of Lancaster, knocked one of the highwaymen off the car and a fight followed, during which two shots were fired by A provision forbidding rural letter. the strangers. The highwaymen made

Assaulted By Boy Strikers. most vigor. Chicago, (Special).-Edward Tenney. one of the men employed by the Western Union Telegraph Company in place of striking messenger boys, was attacked by three young men, who knocked him down and stabbed him. A watchman at the Hamilton Club went to Tenney's aid and drove away the assailants. Tenny was badly cut in the face.

FINANCIAL.

The Erie statement for January, to be jury of Bell county is making a crusade tween \$700,000 and \$1,000,000.

Judge Gildersleeve has signed the or-Fairbanks is a candidate for vice president on the ticket with Roosevelt. der authorizing the Boston & Montana to pay its dividends, amounting to over

MILITIA CALLED OUT

To Protect a Colored Man in Jall at Meridian, Mississippi.

Meridian, Miss., (Special).-The killing of Postal Clerk Stockton has caused much excitement. After Paris, the alleged murderer, was placed in jail here a mob gathered, and, fearing a lynching, the Sheriff notified Governor Vardaman, who ordered out the local militia.

Birmingham, Ala.—According to re-ports received here by the officials of the Alabama Great Southern Railroad, the shooting of two postal clerks on a northbound train two miles north of Meridian, Miss., was part of a plot to rob the train.

The shooting was done by "Jim" Paris, a negro, who boarded the train in the Meridian yards as it was pulling out. Before it was under good headway Paris entered the postal car and opened fire on Clerks J. T. Stockton and A. J. Bass, killing Stockton instintly and wounding

RUSSIANS LEAVE YIN-KOW

Forts and Intreachments.

Yiu-kow, (By Cable) .- The Russo-Chinese Bank is closing, preparatory to removing to Mukden Women and children are preparing to leave Yin-kow ira anticipation of the arrival of a Japanese fleet, which is expected when the river opens, probably a fortnight hence.

The United States gunboat Helena and the British cruiser Espiegele are making substituted a 'P,' and thus the altered, preparations to leave the drydocks in a week's time. The mainmast of the Russian gunboat Sivoutch has been cut off; this would

indicate that she is being dismantled, but otherwise she would appear to be clearing for action. On account of the impossibility of defending the coast at Yin-kow until such time as a thaw permits the construction

of intrenchments and forts, the Russians have prepared to retire up the main railroad line. It was true, however, that the date of this document was March 28, 1895, when at the mouth of the Liao River has the appearance of an intention to defend Yin-

As far as is yet known, the only plans decided upon are, first, that Gen. Kuropatkin's headquarters are to be at Mukden; Viceroy Alexieff proposes to remain at Mukden indefinitely, as that city is the center of the Chinese administration and has a viceroy bureau; second, that It was claimed by those present in the plan west of Tashihchiao, which is almost impossible of defense, will be held, if possible on account of the railroad connecting with Port Arthur; third, Haiching and Liao-yang are the extreme limits to

> That the Japanese will arrive before a thaw permits the construction of defenses is thought here to be practically certain. It would appear also that the authorities

> expect Port Arthur to be besieged. Sir Robert Hart, director of Chinese imperial maritime customs, after sounding Russian opinion in the matter, has ordered the Chinese customs lightship and the channel buoy to be placed at the river mouth as usual. This step, how-

tion of Niuchwang MUST HAVE CLEAR TITLE

No Money Will Be Paid to Panama Untin Then.

Washington, (Special) - Important matters relating to the Panama Canal were under discussion by President Roosevelt and his Cabinet. The meeting consumed more than two hours, and at its conclusion the members of the Cabi-

net were unusually reticent. Attorney General Knox and other officials of the Department of Justice have under consideration the title to the canal property which is to be passed to this country by the Panama Canal Company, but as yet they have reached no concli sion. It was said after the meeting that no money would be paid by this government until a clear title to the property was obtainable, but no intimation was given as to the length of time which might elapse before a decision was

reached. The entire subject of the canal and its construction was discussed in addition to the legal phases of the question. It is expected that the commission just appointed will get to work practically im-mediately. It is said to be certain that the commission will go to the isthmus very soon to inspect thoroughly the conditions and to start the preliminary work

of construction. In this connection it was decided, as heretofore indicated might be the case, to countermand the orders issued to the Third United States Infantry to go to the isthmus to relieve the marines now on marine detachment will constitute the guard on the isthmus. This government is opposed to establishing two jurisdic-tions on the isthmus, and as the naval vessels must remain there it was thought best to allow the marines to continue to

do land duty. It is the earnest wish of the President and the members of the Cabinet that no unnecessary delay should occur in the beginning of work on the canal, and it is their intention to press it with the ut-

Reyes Defented. Bogota, Colombia, (By Cable).-The result of the presidential election is that though Gen. Joaquin Velez has a majority of 11 votes over Gen. Raphael Reyes, the fact must be officially declared by the electoral committee on July 8 next. Complete calm prevails here.

\$75,000 For Liquor Setting. Dallas, Texas, (Special).-The grand

issued early in the week, is expected to against violations of the Local Option show a decrease in net earnings of be- law. More than 2,300 indistments have been returned against illicit liquor sellers, and of the total number 1,147 bills are against one man, Primpton Morgan. In each conviction Morgan is being assessed The New York Subtreasury has paid to banks \$756,000 on telegraphic orders against the deposit of imported Japanese yen at San Francisco.

The New York Subtreasury has paid ing the total penalties arrounting to \$65, making the total penalties arrounting the \$65, making the total penalties arrounting the \$65, making th tive sentences reach a total of more than 63 years' imprisonment.